



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-09**

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2005, a record-breaking severe snowstorm with heavy snow, rain and high winds moved through North Dakota disrupting power supplies and stranding motorists creating emergency conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, reports of 16-20 inches of snow on the ground with heavy snow continuing in certain areas of the state creates dangerous hazards for stranded motorists; and

**WHEREAS**, power outages are reported in several counties and within Indian reservations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, have declared that a snow emergency exists in North Dakota; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that appropriate state agencies and administrators maintain snow emergency response initiatives pursuant to the State Emergency Operations Plan.

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and
2. The governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency; and
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2005.

/s/  
John Hoeven, Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State